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SUBJECT: VOA LAO LANGUAGE SERVICE COVERAGE OF PANMUNJOM INCIDENT

REF A VIENTIANE 2085, B VIENTIANE 2119

1. REFTELS REPORTED LPDR MEDIA AND GOVERNMENT PRONOUNCEMENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN STRONG LINE IN SUPPORT OF NORTH KOREA AND PUBLICLY LAID ENTIRE BLAME FOR TENSIONS IN KOREAN PENINSULA ON US. VOA COVERAGE AND POST'S DAILY BULLETIN ITEMS ON INCIDENT HAVE IN GENERAL ADEQUATELY CONVEYED ESSENTIAL FACTS OF CASE AND EXPRESSED US POSITION.

2. IN ADDITION, POST FEELS THAT VOA MIGHT USEFULLY RUN STORY ON AMBASSADOR HUMMEL'S TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 1. IN PARTICULAR REPORT SHOULD STRESS FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. NORTH KOREAN PROPAGANDA AND INFLAMMATORY RHETORIC FOR SOME TIME PAST HAS ADDED TO TENSIONS ON KOREAN PENINSULA;

B. NORTH KOREA UNILATERALLY BROKE OFF TALKS WITH SOUTH KOREA AND IN MEANTIME INSISTS ON UNIFYING COUNTRY ON ITS TERMS WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ROK WHICH REPRESENTS CLOSE TO THREE QUARTERS OF ALL KOREAN PEOPLE;

C. PRESIDENT KIM IL SUNG HAS IN EFFECT APOLOGIZED FOR

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INCIDENT AND NORTH KOREAN DELEGATES IN SUBSEQUENT TALKS

HAVE OFFERED AS A SOLUTION TO SECURITY PROBLEM IN TRUCE  
ZONE PROPOSAL MADE BY UNC SOME TIME AGO.

3. ALTHOUGH POST REALIZES THAT KOREAN ISSUE IS NOT  
MAJOR ELEMENT IN US-LPDR RELATIONS, NONETHELESS LPDR  
MEDIA AND FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE CHOSEN TO OFFER STRONG  
PUBLIC SUPPORT TO NORTH KOREA AND HAVE UNEQUIVOCABLY  
CONDEMNED US ACTIONS AND POSITIONS. CONSEQUENTLY  
WE SHOULD MAKE CLEAR AND VIGOROUS STATEMENT OF OUR CASE  
AND POINT OUT NORTH KOREAN CULPABILITY.  
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